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Guide à référence intramédullaire, pour la résection de la tête de l'humérus

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Description

The present invention relates to a resection guide, and more particularly to a resection guide which will ensure the correct orientation of the osteotomy cut of the head of the humerus with respect to the humeral intramedullary canal.

The humerus is the longest and largest bone of the upper limb, extending from the shoulder joint to the elbow joint where it articulates with the radius and ulna of the forearm. The proximal end of the humerus includes the humeral head which articulates with the glenoid cavity of the shoulder in a ball and socket fashion. The humeral head is nearly hemispherical in form.

As a result of certain diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, the humeral head may become so badly damaged that it must be resected and replaced with a prosthetic device. An acute fracture of the humeral head may also require its replacement with a prosthesis.

The prostheses typically used for this purpose include a stem portion designed to extend into the intramedullary canal of the humerus and a head portion designed to replace the humeral head. The head portion of the prosthesis extends angularly from the stem portion. The osteotomy cut of the natural humeral head must be made so that the angle of the cut corresponds to the angle between the stem and head portions of the prosthesis. In addition, the rotation of the cut varies to adjust to bone wear or capsular looseness.

The humeral head osteotomy cut is currently being made free hand. The elbow of the patient is flexed to 90° with the patient's forearm aimed at the mid-line of the operating surgeon's trunk. The humerus is externally rotated 30 to 35° to provide the recommended degree of retrotorsion in relation to the axis of the elbow motion. The osteotomy is directed away from the surgeon, allowing the surgeon to reproduce the desired retrotorsion in the bone cut. A trial prosthesis may also be placed along the proximal humeral shaft as a guide for the proper inclination of the osteotomy.

The possibility for error exists with this free hand or "eyeball" approach. Inaccurate resection, even by a small amount, can result in an ill-fitting prosthesis which may cause complications for the patient and may eventually require replacement of the prosthetic device. Accordingly, the need exists for a humeral cutting guide which will ensure an exact and precise resection of the humeral head.

US Patent no 4,893,619 describes a humeral osteotomy guide which has an extramedullary alignment member which is secured to the elbow of a patient in use. Rotation of the forearm then aligns a saw guide for use in cutting the proximal end of the humerus.

The present invention provides an apparatus for guiding the resection of the head of the humerus comprising an intramedullary alignment member having a longitudinal axis and being structured for substantial axial alignment with the intramedullary canal of the humerus; an extramedullary alignment member extend-

ing substantially perpendicularly from the intramedullary alignment member; a means for rotating the extramedullary alignment member about the longitudinal axis of the intramedullary alignment member to allow said extramedullary alignment member to be positioned at a desired degree of retrotorsion, for example, above and substantially parallel to the forearm, and a cutting block supported on a means attached to said intramedullary alignment member for positioning the cutting block in a desired orientation relative to the head of the humerus.

The use of an intramedullary reference for the osteotomy cut provides a more accurate guide to the preferred location and alignment of the cut than may be achievable using an extramedullary alignment.

In one embodiment of the present invention, the intramedullary alignment member is a rod having a proximal end and a distal end. The rod is structured for releasable attachment at the distal end to a surgical instrument temporarily disposed within the intramedullary canal. The rod may have a bore through at least a portion of it. The bore is of a diameter sufficient to receive an end of the surgical instrument. A first locking means may be provided to secure the rod to the surgical instrument.

The means for rotating the extramedullary alignment member may include a collar which is rotatably mounted on the intramedullary alignment member. The extramedullary alignment member may be threadably engaged to the collar so that rotation of the collar about the intramedullary alignment member rotates the extramedullary alignment member about the longitudinal axis of the intramedullary alignment member.

When the intramedullary alignment member is a rod having a proximal end and a distal end, the collar includes an axial bore therethrough. The bore of the collar is of a diameter sufficient to receive the proximal end of the rod. The collar preferably includes degree markings on its surface. The rod may further include a pointer at the proximal end to indicate the degree of rotation of the collar about the axis of the rod.

The means for positioning the cutting block may include a first shaft having a first end and a second end. The first end of the first shaft is attached to the intramedullary alignment member. The first shaft also has a stopping means at its second end. This stopping means may be structured to receive a second extramedullary alignment member in a coaxial relationship to and extending from the first shaft.

A second shaft, having a first and second ends, is also provided as part of the positioning means. The first end of the second shaft has a means for attaching the second shaft in a perpendicular orientation relative to the first shaft for slidable movement to a desired position along the first shaft. The stopping means may include an end cap threadably attached at the second end of the second shaft.

A cutting block has a boss affixed to it. A bore extends through the boss and the cutting block for

receipt of the second shaft so that the cutting block is slidably movable along the second shaft. A second locking means is disposed in a transverse bore of the boss to secure the cutting block in a desired position along the second shaft.

The means for attaching the second shaft to the first shaft may include a sleeve having a bore therethrough which is capable of receiving the first shaft. A screw receiving portion is located within the sleeve and is substantially perpendicular to the bore of the sleeve. A third locking means is provided for insertion into the screw receiving portion of the sleeve.

The resection guide of the present invention may further include a means for fixing the cutting block in a desired position. The cutting block may include a plurality of holes. At least one fixation member, such as a drill, can be passed through at least one of the plurality of holes into the upper bone, near the head, thus fixing the cutting block into position.

The advantages and benefits of the present invention will become apparent from the description of the preferred embodiments below.

In order that the present invention may be clearly understood and readily practised, preferred embodiments will now be described, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying figures wherein:

Figure 1 represents a side elevation view of the resection guide of the present invention;

Figure 2 represents an end view of the apparatus of Figure 1 through line II-II;

Figure 3 represents a partial top plan view of the apparatus shown in Figure 2;

Figure 4 represents a top plan view of the collar and rod of Figure 1;

Figure 5 represents a partial section view of the rod and collar portions of the guide of Figure 1; through line V-V of Figure 4;

Figure 6 represents a top plan view of the collar shown in Figure 4;

Figure 7 represents a partial section view of the collar portion of Figure 6 through lines VII-VII;

Figure 8 represents a section view of the collar shown in Figure 7 through line VIII-VIII;

Figure 9 represents a back elevational view of the cutting block of the present invention;

Figure 10 represents a side elevational view of the cutting block of the present invention; and

Figure 11 represents a front elevational view of the cutting block of the present invention.

A preferred embodiment of the humeral resection guide 100 provided by the present invention is shown in Figure 1. The guide 100 includes an intramedullary alignment member having a longitudinal axis and being structured for substantial axial alignment with the intramedullary canal of the humerus. The intramedullary canal of the humerus is one reference point for the humeral head cut.

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the intramedullary alignment member is a rod 10 having a proximal end 12 and a distal end 14. As shown in Figure 5, rod 10 includes a bottom portion and a coaxial top portion. The top portion has a smaller outer dimension than that of the bottom portion. A shoulder 15 is defined at the juncture between the top and bottom portions of rod 10. A circular groove 17 is provided at proximal end 12 on the exterior of the top portion of rod 10 to receive a partially open retaining ring 30. A pointer 44 is also provided at proximal end 12 above groove 17. A longitudinal bore 18 extends through at least a portion of rod 10 along its longitudinal axis, and preferably, through its entire length as shown. Bore 18 is of a diameter sufficient to receive the shank portion of a surgical instrument such as an intramedullary drill 16 which is temporarily disposed within the intramedullary canal. The shank portion is secured to the distal end 14 of rod 10 within bore 18 by a locking screw 22.

A collar 24 is rotatably mounted on the top portion of rod 10 resting on shoulder 15. Collar 24 has an axial bore 26 into which the top portion of rod 10 is received. Collar 24 is freely rotatable about the top portion and, thus about the longitudinal axis of rod 10.

Collar 24 also has a counterbore 28 best shown in Figures 4 to 7. Retaining ring 30 radiates outwardly from groove 17 at proximal end 12 of rod 10 and rests in counterbore 28 to secure the proximal end 12 of rod 10 within bore 26 of collar 24.

Collar 24 also has a screw receiving portion 32 positioned substantially perpendicular to rod 10 when the top portion of rod 10 is disposed within bore 26 of collar 24. A locking screw 34 is provided for insertion into screw receiving portion 32. When screw 34 is tightened, collar 24 is secured in a desired position to rod 10.

Collar 24 includes a second threaded screw receiving portion 36. Screw receiving portion 36 is also substantially perpendicular to rod 10. An extramedullary alignment member, or lateral rod, 38 as shown in Figures 1 and 2 is provided. One end of extramedullary alignment member 38 (not shown) is threaded end of member 38 within screw receiving portion 36. As collar 24 is rotated about the longitudinal axis of rod 10, extramedullary alignment member 38 will also rotate about the longitudinal axis of rod 10.

This rotation will allow extramedullary alignment member 38 to provide a guide for a desired degree of humeral retrotorsion by manipulating the patient's forearm so that it is substantially parallel to extramedullary alignment member 38.

Collar 24 includes degree markings on its upper and side surfaces as shown in Figures 3, 4 and 6. When collar 24 is positioned over the top portion of rod 10 and pointer 44 is positioned within counterbore 28 of collar 24, pointer 44 may be used to indicate the exact and desired degree of rotation of collar 24 about rod 10. Collar 24 is turned, or rotated, to align the desired degree indicator to the pointer 44. The extramedullary rod 38,

as described above, rotates about the axis of rod 10 to the same degree as indicated by the markings on collar 24. It will be appreciated that this degree of rotation corresponds to the degree of humeral retrotorsion relative to the humeral intramedullary canal. To aid in the assembly of pointer 44 within counterbore 28, bore 26 of collar 24 has a longitudinal groove 46 cut into its circumference. Groove 46 is dimensioned to be of a size and shape to complement the configuration of pointer 44. Upon passage of proximal end 12 of rod 10 through bore 26 of collar 24, pointer 44 passes through groove 46 of bore 26 to reach counterbore 28. Collar 24 is then rotated to a desired degree, as indicated by pointer 44, about rod 10.

A humeral cutting block 48, best shown in Figures 9 to 11, provides the cutting surface for a saw or cutting instrument used to resect the humeral head. Cutting block 48 must be positioned in a desired orientation relative to the humeral head. The desired angle is that which corresponds to the angle between the stem and head portions of the prosthesis. A typical orientation for the cutting surface may be at a 50° angle. However, this orientation will vary according to the type of prosthesis being used and/or the size of the patient.

A positioning means for cutting block 48 includes a first shaft 50, having a first end 52 and a second end 54 and a second shaft 56, having a first end 58 and a second end 60.

First shaft 50 is permanently attached, preferably by welding, to rod 10 and is in line with pointer 44 at first end 52. A stopping means, consisting of a sleeve 62, is placed over second end 54 of first shaft 50. Sleeve 62 may be either permanently fixed or removably attached to first shaft 50. Sleeve 62 is structured to optionally receive an extension rod (not shown). If used, the extension rod would be in a coaxial relationship relative to first shaft 50 in an end to end alignment, held in position by sleeve 62.

In certain instances, it may be desirable for the surgeon to add an extension rod, or medial rod, to sleeve 62. The extension rod will be in line with the osteotomy cut. If the first shaft 50 is considered to be of sufficient length to act as the medial alignment means, the second, medial extension rod may not be necessary.

Second shaft 56 is perpendicularly attached at its first end 58 to the first shaft 50 so that second shaft 56 is slidably movable along the length of the first shaft 50. A sleeve 64 is attached to second shaft 56 at first end 58. Sleeve 64 has a transverse bore therethrough to receive shaft 50. A screw receiving portion 68 is located within sleeve 64 substantially perpendicular to the transverse bore. A locking screw 70 is received in portion 68. Upon tightening of screw 70, second shaft 56 is firmly secured in a desired position along the first shaft 50. When screw 70 is loosened, second shaft 56 may be moved along the length of first shaft 50 to a desired position. The second end 60 of second shaft 56 is threaded and is capable of receiving an end cap 72. End cap 72 will keep humeral cutting block 48, further

described hereinbelow, from falling off of second shaft 56. First and second shafts 50 and 56, respectively are preferably square in cross section.

Humeral cutting block 48 has a cutting surface 85 and an attachment surface 82, shown in Figure 10. Cutting block 48 also includes a boss 74 affixed to and extending outwardly from surface 89. A bore 76, preferably square in cross section, extends through cutting block 48 and boss 74. Bore 76 is configured to receive second shaft 56 of the positioning means so that humeral cutting block 48 is slidably movable along the length of second shaft 56. Rotation about second shaft 56, however, is prevented. One hundred and eighty degree turns, however, are possible to ensure a proper cutting angle from both the left and the right side. A transverse bore is provided in boss 74 to receive a locking screw 78 so that humeral cutting block 48 may be secured in the desired position along second shaft 56 when locking screw 78 is tightened.

Humeral cutting block 48 has a plurality of holes located on attachment surface 82 of block 48. These holes, as shown in Figure 10, are preferably arranged in three rows 45, 47 and 49. As shown, surface 82 has markings 0, +2 and -2 corresponding to each of the three rows with 0 being the middle row of holes 45. The upper and lower rows of holes 47 and 49, respectively, designated +2 and -2 respectively, are spaced two millimetres above and below the middle row of holes 45. While variation of plus or minus two millimetres is shown, any other suitable variation will suffice.

When the cutting block is properly positioned on the positioning means, at least one fixation member, such as a drill or pin (not shown) is inserted through at least one or the plurality of holes 45 into the upper humerus. While any of the plurality of holes may be selected, it is preferable to insert the drill in at least one of the holes in the middle line 45 (0 line) of the three rows.

When only one fixation device is used, the humeral resection guide must be left in place during the resection. The guide itself will provide a second point of fixation which is necessary to obtain a steady cutting surface. Alternatively, if it is desired to remove the guide during the resection, at least two fixation members must be used to provide the cutting surface.

Upon placement of the drills or pins through at least two of the holes of cutting block 48 into the upper humerus, the entire humeral resection guide 100 may be removed. As the guide is removed, the cutting block 48 remains fixed to the upper humerus of the patient. The cutting block 48 may be removed from the drills or pins, and adjusted two millimetres higher or lower by placing the drills into either the upper (+2 line) or lower (-2 line) holes in surface 82 of cutting block 48.

In use the surgeon makes the desired incision to expose the humeral head. Using a saw or an osteotome, a sliver of subchondral bone and any remaining cartilage is removed from the superior-lateral aspect of the humeral head. Typically, this piece is about three millimetres in thickness and two centimetres in diame-

ter. A drill is guided through the cancellous bone of the proximal humerus into the intramedullary canal. With the drill in place, the humeral intramedullary resection guide 100 of the present invention is then positioned to provide a guide for precisely resecting the humeral head.

The bottom portion of rod 10 of the intramedullary alignment member is positioned over the shank of the drill 16. Locking screw 22 is tightened. Collar 24 and with it, extramedullary alignment member 38, are rotated to the desired degree of retrotorsion using the degree markings on collar 24 and pointer 44. The articular surface of the humerus is retrotored approximately 30 to 35 degrees in relation to the axis of elbow motion. A similar retrotorsion should be recreated during this procedure. Thus, the extramedullary alignment member 38 is positioned at about the 30 to 35 degree mark on collar 24 relative to the pointer 44 on the top portion of rod 10. Locking screw 34 is then tightened to hold the collar 24 and extramedullary alignment member 38 in place relative to rod 10, thereby fixing the direction of the bone cut. The patient's forearm should be substantially parallel to the extramedullary alignment member 38.

The cutting block 48 is then moved toward the humerus and positioned by sliding second shaft 56 along first shaft 50 and cutting block 48 along second shaft 56 until the cutting block 48 is in the desired position. Locking screws 70 and 78 are tightened to fix the cutting block 48 into position on guide 100. Cutting block 48 is then fixed to the upper humerus by inserting two approximately 3.2mm (one-eighth inch) drills or pins through two holes 45 on cutting block 48 and into the upper humerus. As described above, one drill or pin may be used if the guide is left in place during resection. If the guide is to be removed during resection, at least two drills or pins must be used. Cutting block 48 is then released from second shaft 56 by loosening locking screw 78 and end cap 72. The remainder of guide 100 is removed from drill 16 by loosening locking screw 22. Drill 16 is removed from the intramedullary canal of the humerus.

Following removal of guide 100, cutting block 48 can be removed from the two drills or pins in the upper humerus and repositioned upwards or downwards by 2 millimetres to adjust the height of the cut. The cut is made using a reciprocating saw which is guided by the cutting surface 85 of cutting block 48.

After removal of the cutting block 48 and drills, the remaining peripheral osteophytes and the remaining humeral head around the anterior, medial and posterior aspects are trimmed so that the osteotomy area approximates the size of the undersurface of the head portion of the prosthesis. The intramedullary canal is then reamed to the desired degree to permit insertion of the stem portion of the prosthesis. The prosthesis is then inserted in the usual accepted manner.

Claims

1. An apparatus (100) for guiding the resection of the head of a humerus comprising:

an intramedullary alignment member (10) having a longitudinal axis and being structured for substantial axial alignment with the intramedullary canal of a humerus;
an extramedullary alignment member (38), extending substantially perpendicularly from said intramedullary alignment member;
means (24) for rotating said extramedullary alignment member (38) about the longitudinal axis of said intramedullary alignment member (10) to allow said extramedullary alignment member to be positioned at a desired degree of retrotorsion;
a cutting block (48) and
a means (50,56) for positioning said cutting block (48) in a desired orientation relative to the head of the humerus, said means being attached to said intramedullary alignment member.

2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said intramedullary alignment member (10) comprises a rod having a proximal end (12) and a distal end (14), said rod being structured for releasable attachment at said distal end to a surgical instrument (16) temporarily disposed within the intramedullary canal.
3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein said rod (10) has a bore (18) through at least a portion thereof, said bore being of a diameter sufficient to receive an end of the surgical instrument (16).
4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 3 further comprising first locking means (22) to secure said rod to the surgical instrument.
5. An apparatus as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 wherein said means for rotating said extramedullary alignment member (38) comprises a collar (24) rotatably mounted on said intramedullary alignment member (10).
6. An apparatus as claimed in claim 5 wherein said extramedullary alignment member (38) is threadably engaged to said collar (24).
7. An apparatus as claimed in claim 5 or claim 6 wherein said intramedullary alignment member (10) comprises a rod (10) having a proximal end (12) a distal end (14) and said collar (24) has an axial bore (26) therethrough of a diameter sufficient to receive said proximal end (12) of said rod.

8. An apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein:
said collar (24) further comprises degree markings
on the surface thereof; and
said rod further comprises a pointer (44) at
said proximal end (12) to indicate the degree of
rotation of said collar (24) about the longitudinal
axis of said rod (10). 5
9. An apparatus as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8
wherein said means for positioning said cutting
block comprises: 10
- a first shaft (50), having a first end (52) and a
second end (54), and being permanently
attached at said first end of said first shaft (50)
to said intramedullary member (10) and having
a stopping means (62) at said second end (54)
or said first shaft; 15
- a second shaft (56), having a first end (58) and
a second end (60), said first end of said second
shaft having a means for attaching said second
shaft (56) in a perpendicular orientation relative
to said first shaft (50) for slidable movement to
a desired position along said first shaft (50) and
having a stopping means (72) at said second 25
end (60) of said second shaft (56);
said cutting block (48) being configured for slid-
able movement along said second shaft (56);
and
second locking means (78) to secure said cut- 30
ting block (48) in a desired position along said
second shaft (56).
10. An apparatus as claimed in claim 9 wherein said
means for attaching said second shaft (56) to said 35
first shaft (50) comprises a sleeve (64) having a
bore therethrough to receive said first shaft (50)
and a transverse screw receiving portion (68); and
third locking means (70) for insertion into said
screw receiving portion. 40
11. An apparatus as claimed in claim 9 or claim 10
wherein said stopping means on said second shaft
comprises an end cap (72) threadably attachable to
said second end (60) of said second shaft (56). 45
12. An apparatus as claimed in any of claims 9 to 11
further comprising an extension rod and wherein
said stopping means (62) on said first shaft (50) is
structured to receive said extension rod in a coaxial
relationship relative to said first shaft. 50
13. An apparatus as claimed in any of claims 1 to 12
further comprising means for fixing said cutting
block in said desired position relative to the bone, 55
said fixing means comprising:
- a plurality of holes (45,47,49) through said cut-
ting block;

and

at least one fixation member for passage
through at least one of said plurality of holes
and passage into the bone.

Patentansprüche

1. Vorrichtung (100) zum Führen der Resektion des
Kopfes eines Oberarmknochens mit

einem intramedullären Ausrichtelement (10),
welches eine Längsachse aufweist und so aus-
gebildet ist, daß es im wesentlichen zum intra-
medullären Kanal des Oberarmknochens in
axiale Ausrichtung gebracht werden kann,
einem extramedullären Ausrichtelement (38),
welches sich im wesentlichen senkrecht vom
intramedullären Ausrichtelement erstreckt,
einem Mittel (24) zum Schwenken des extra-
medullären Ausrichtelementes (38) um die
Längsachse des intramedullären Ausrichtele-
mentes (10), so daß das extramedulläre Aus-
richtelement bei einem gewünschten Grad von
Retrotorsion positioniert werden kann,
einem Schneidblock (48) und
einem Mittel (50, 56) zum Positionieren des
Schneidblockes (48) in einer gewünschten Ori-
entierung relativ zum Kopf des Oberarmkno-
chens, wobei das Mittel an dem
intramedullären Ausrichtelement angebracht
ist.

2. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, bei welcher das intra-
medulläre Ausrichtelement (10) einen Stab mit
einem proximalen Ende (12) und einem distalen
Ende (14) aufweist und der Stab so ausgebildet ist,
daß er am distalen Ende lösbar an einem chirurgi-
schen Instrument (16) angebracht werden kann,
welches zeitweilig innerhalb des intramedullären
Kanals angeordnet ist.
3. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 2, bei welcher der Stab
(10) zumindest durch einen Abschnitt desselben
eine Bohrung (18) aufweist, deren Durchmesser
ausreicht, um ein Ende des chirurgischen Instru-
mentes (16) aufzunehmen.
4. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 3, die weiterhin ein
erstes Feststellmittel (22) für die Befestigung des
Stabes am chirurgischen Instrument aufweist.
5. Vorrichtung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 - 4, bei
welcher das Mittel zum Schwenken des extrame-
dullären Ausrichtelementes (38) einen Kragen (24)
aufweist, der rotierbar an diesem intramedullären
Ausrichtelement (10) angebracht ist.
6. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 5, bei welcher das
extramedulläre Ausrichtelement (38) mittels

Gewinde mit dem Kragen (24) in Eingriff ist.

7. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 5 oder 6, bei welcher das intramedulläre Ausrichtelement (10) einen Stab (10) mit einem proximalen Ende und einem distalen Ende (14) aufweist und der Kragen (24) eine durch ihn hindurchgehende axiale Bohrung (26) aufweist, deren Durchmesser ausreicht, um das proximale Ende (12) des Stabes aufzunehmen.

8. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 7, bei welcher der Kragen (24) weiterhin Gradmarkierungen auf seiner Oberfläche aufweist und der Stab weiterhin einen Zeigermark (44) am proximalen Ende (12) aufweist, um den Grad der Rotation des Kragens (24) um die Längsachse des Stabes (10) anzuzeigen.

9. Vorrichtung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 - 8, bei welcher das Mittel zum Positionieren des Schneidblockes aufweist:

eine erste Stange (50) mit einem ersten Ende (52) und einem zweiten Ende (54), die mit ihrem ersten Ende dauerhaft an dem intramedullären Element (10) angebracht ist und ein Anschlagmittel (62) am zweiten Ende (54) der ersten Stange (54) aufweist,

eine zweite Stange (56) mit einem ersten Ende (58) und einem zweiten Ende (60), wobei das erste Ende der zweiten Stange ein Mittel zum Anbringen der zweiten Stange (56) in senkrechter Orientierung relativ zur ersten Stange (50) aufweist derart, daß eine Gleitbewegung in eine gewünschte Position entlang der ersten Stange (50) möglich ist, und ein Anschlagmittel (72) am zweiten Ende (60) der zweiten Stange (56) vorhanden ist,

wobei der Schneidblock (48) so ausgebildet ist, daß er entlang der zweiten Stange (56) gleitend bewegt werden kann, und ein zweites Feststellmittel (78), um den Schneidblock (48) in einer gewünschten Position entlang der zweiten Stange (56) sichern zu können.

10. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 9, bei welcher das Mittel zum Anbringen der zweiten Stange (56) an der ersten Stange (50) eine Muffe (64) aufweist, die mit einer durch sie hindurchgehenden Bohrung versehen ist, um die erste Stange (50) aufzunehmen, und einen querverlaufenden Abschnitt (68) zur Aufnahme einer Schraube aufweist, und ein drittes Feststellmittel (70) vorgesehen ist, welches in dem eine Schraube aufnehmenden Abschnitt einführbar ist.

11. Vorrichtung nach Anspruch 9 oder 10, bei welcher das Anschlagmittel an der zweiten Stange eine Endkappe (72) aufweist, die mittels Gewinde am

zweiten Ende (60) der zweiten Stange (56) anbringbar ist.

12. Vorrichtung nach einem der Ansprüche 9 - 11, die weiterhin einen Verlängerungsstab aufweist, wobei das Anschlagmittel (62) an der ersten Stange (50) so ausgebildet ist, daß es den Verlängerungsstab in einer koaxialen Relation zur ersten Stange aufnehmen kann.

13. Vorrichtung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 - 12, die weiterhin ein Mittel zum Feststellen des Schneidblockes in der gewünschten Position relativ zum Knochen aufweist, wobei das Feststellmittel

mehrere Löcher (45, 47, 49) durch den Schneidblock und

wenigstens ein Befestigungsmittel, das durch wenigstens eines der mehreren Löcher hindurch und in den Knochen einführbar ist, aufweist.

Revendications

1. Appareil (100) servant au guidage pour la résection de la tête d'un humérus, comprenant :

un élément intramédullaire d'alignement (10) ayant un axe longitudinal et étant conformé de manière à être sensiblement en alignement axial avec le canal intramédullaire d'un humérus ;

un élément extramédullaire d'alignement (38), s'étendant sensiblement perpendiculairement à partir dudit élément intramédullaire d'alignement ;

un moyen (24) pour faire tourner ledit élément extramédullaire d'alignement (38) autour de l'axe longitudinal dudit élément intramédullaire d'alignement (10), afin de permettre le positionnement dudit élément extramédullaire d'alignement suivant un degré désiré de rétrotorsion ; une tête de coupe (48) ; et

un moyen (50, 56) pour positionner ladite tête de coupe (48) dans une orientation désirée par rapport à la tête de l'humérus, ledit moyen étant relié audit élément intramédullaire d'alignement.

2. Appareil selon la revendication 1, dans lequel ledit élément intramédullaire d'alignement (10) comprend une tige ayant une extrémité proximale (12) et une extrémité distale (14), ladite tige étant conformée de manière à pouvoir être fixée, de façon détachable, au niveau de ladite extrémité distale, à un instrument de chirurgie (16) temporairement placé à l'intérieur du canal intramédullaire.

3. Appareil selon la revendication 2, dans lequel ladite

- tige (10) comporte, dans au moins une partie, un alésage (18) de diamètre suffisant pour recevoir une extrémité de l'instrument de chirurgie (16).
4. Appareil selon la revendication 3, comprenant en outre un premier moyen de verrouillage (22) pour immobiliser ladite tige sur l'instrument de chirurgie. 5
5. Appareil selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans lequel ledit moyen servant à faire tourner ledit élément extramédullaire d'alignement (38) comprend une bague (24) montée, de manière à pouvoir tourner, sur ledit élément intramédullaire d'alignement (10). 10
6. Appareil selon la revendication 5, dans lequel ledit élément extramédullaire d'alignement (38) pénètre par vissage dans ladite bague (24). 15
7. Appareil selon la revendication 5 ou la revendication 6, dans lequel ledit élément intramédullaire d'alignement (10) comprend une tige (10) ayant une extrémité proximale (12) et une extrémité distale (14), ladite bague (24) présentant un alésage axial traversant (26) d'un diamètre suffisant pour recevoir ladite extrémité proximale (12) de ladite tige. 20
8. Appareil selon la revendication 7, dans lequel : 25
- ladite bague (24) comprend en outre des repères gradués en degrés sur sa surface ; et ladite tige comprend en outre au niveau de ladite extrémité proximale (12), un index (44) pour indiquer le degré de rotation de ladite bague (24) autour de l'axe longitudinal de ladite tige (10). 30
9. Appareil selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 8, dans lequel ledit moyen servant au positionnement de ladite tête de coupe comprend : 35
- un premier arbre (50), ayant une première extrémité (52) et une seconde extrémité (54) et étant relié en permanence, par ladite première extrémité dudit premier arbre (50), audit élément intramédullaire (10), et ledit premier arbre comportant un moyen d'arrêt (62) au niveau de ladite seconde extrémité (54) ; 45
- un second arbre (56), ayant une première extrémité (58) et une seconde extrémité (60), ladite première extrémité dudit second arbre comportant un moyen pour relier ledit second arbre (56) dans une orientation perpendiculaire par rapport audit premier arbre (50), afin qu'il puisse effectuer un mouvement de coulissement jusqu'à une position désirée le long dudit premier arbre (50), et ladite seconde extrémité (60) dudit second arbre (56) comportant un 50
- moyen d'arrêt (72) ; ladite tête de coupe (48) étant propre à effectuer un mouvement de coulissement le long dudit second arbre (56) ; et un deuxième moyen de verrouillage (78) pour immobiliser ladite tête de coupe (48) dans une position désirée le long dudit second arbre (56). 55
10. Appareil selon la revendication 9, dans lequel ledit moyen servant à relier ledit second arbre (56) audit premier arbre (50) comprend un manchon (64) comportant un alésage traversant afin de recevoir ledit premier arbre (50), et une partie transversale de logement de vis (68) ; et un troisième moyen de verrouillage (70) à introduire dans ladite partie de logement de vis. 60
11. Appareil selon la revendication 9 ou la revendication 10, dans lequel ledit moyen d'arrêt, situé sur ledit second arbre, comprend un embout (72), propre à être vissé sur ladite seconde extrémité (60) dudit second arbre (56). 65
12. Appareil selon l'une quelconque des revendications 9 à 11, comprenant en outre une tige de rallonge, et dans lequel ledit moyen d'arrêt (62), situé sur ledit premier arbre (50), est conformé de manière à pouvoir recevoir ladite tige de rallonge selon une relation coaxiale par rapport audit premier arbre. 70
13. Appareil selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 12, comprenant en outre un moyen pour fixer ladite tête de coupe dans ladite position désirée par rapport à l'os, ledit moyen de fixation comprenant : 75
- une pluralité de trous (45, 47, 49) traversant ladite tête de coupe ; et au moins un élément de fixation destiné à passer dans au moins l'un de ladite pluralité de trous et à pénétrer dans l'os. 80

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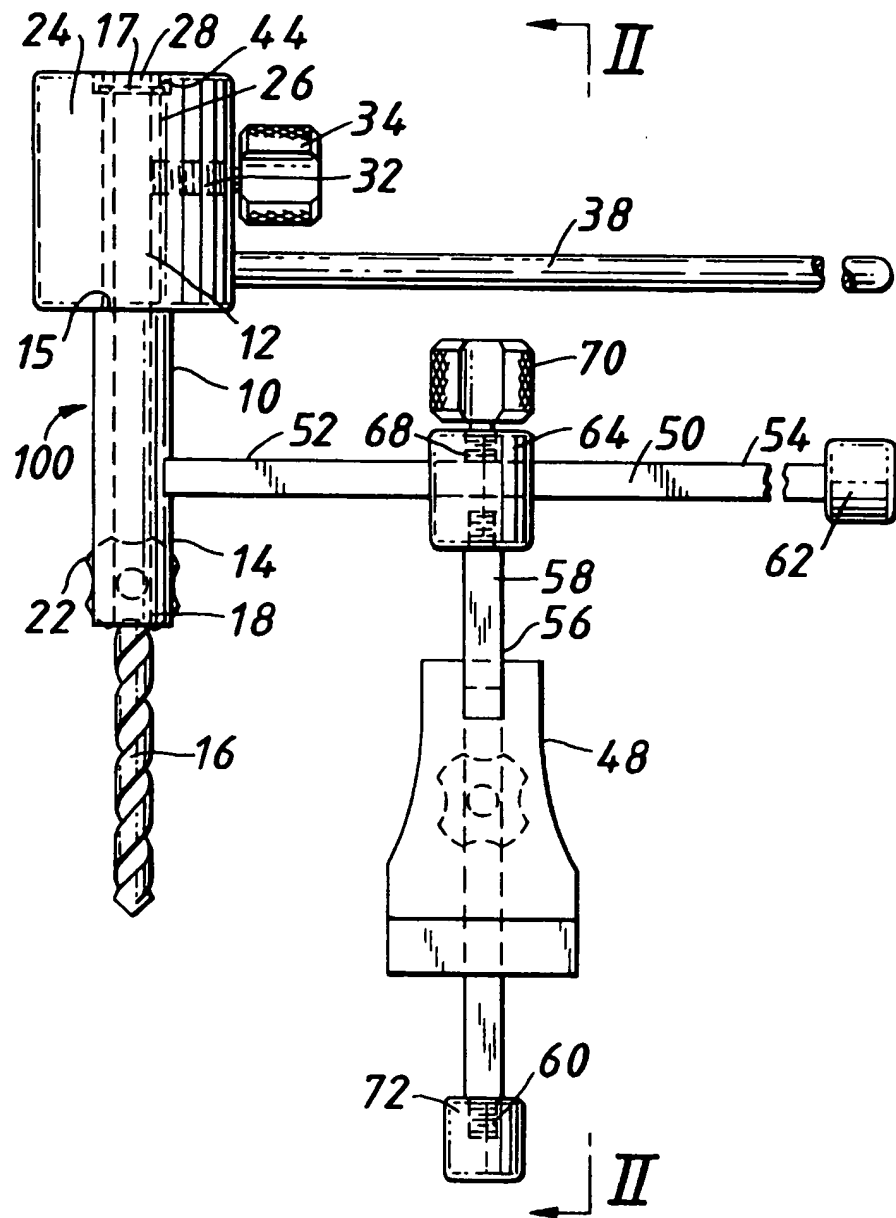


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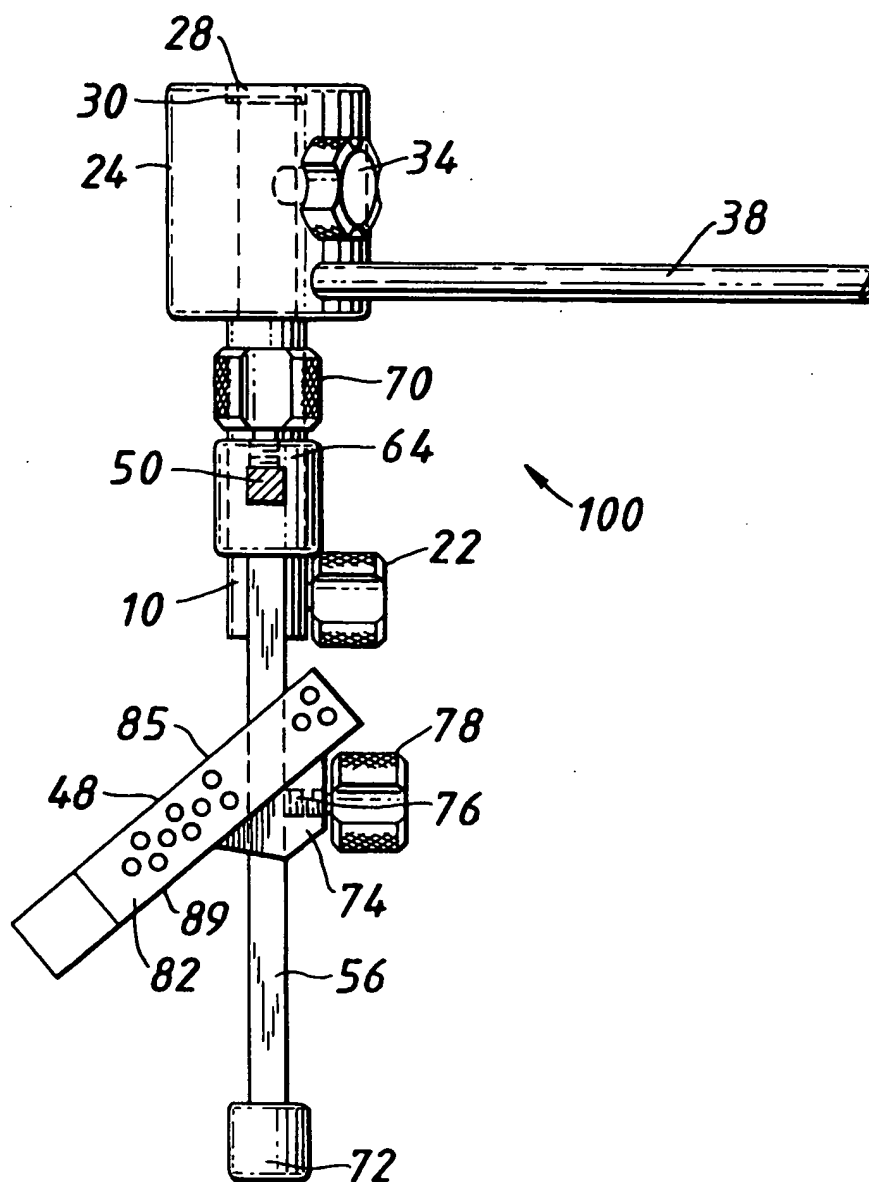


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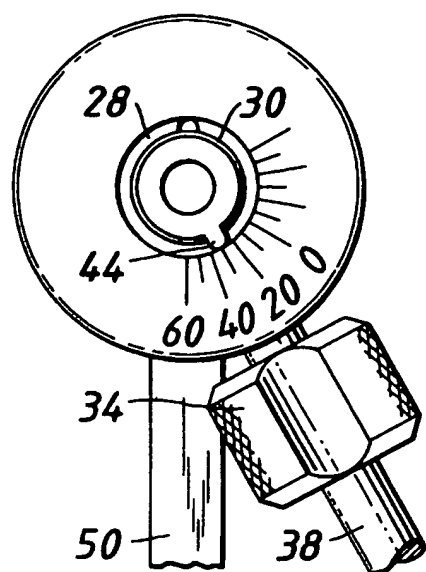


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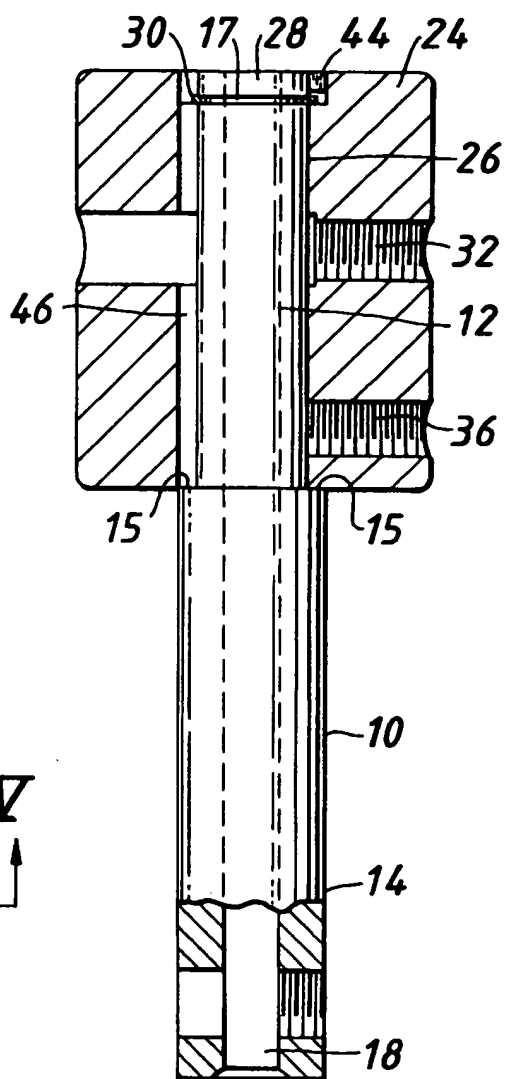


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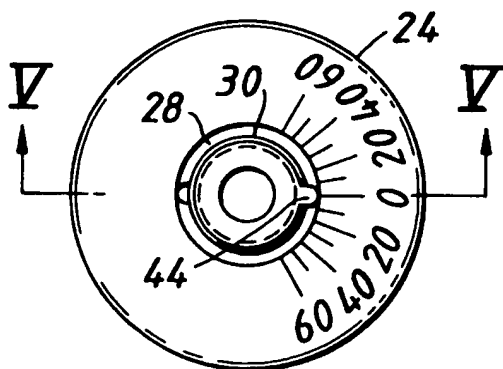


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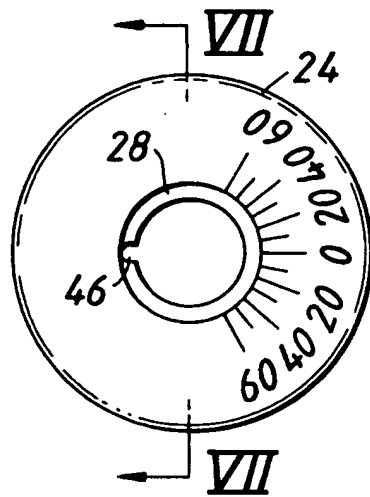


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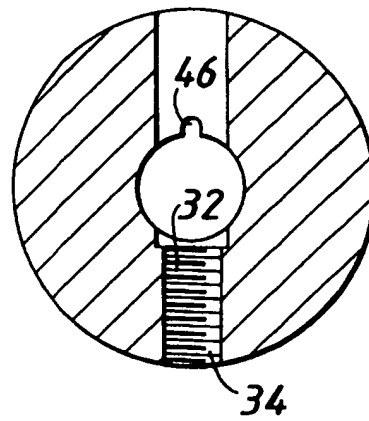


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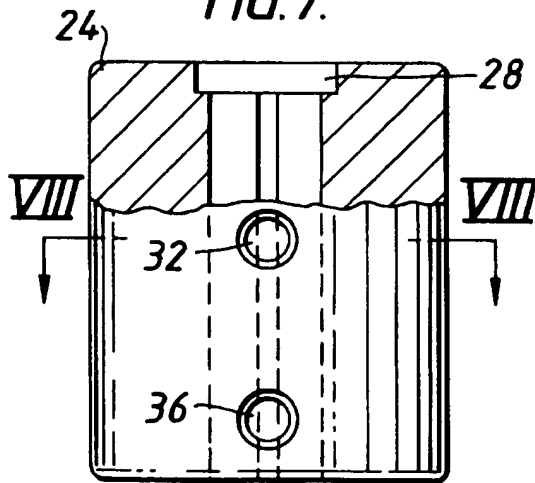


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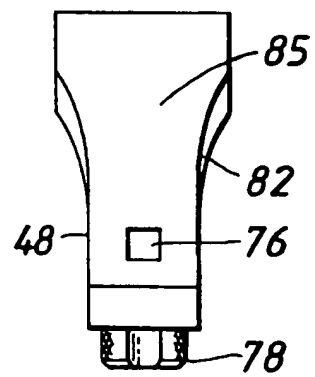


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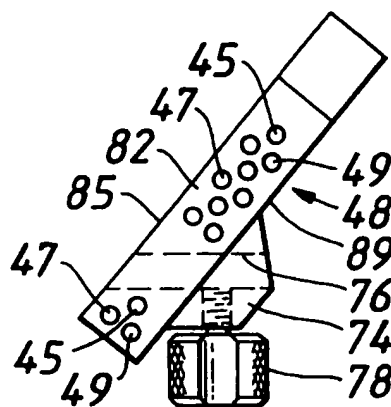


FIG. 11.

